

WOMT Summary for May 22, 2012

WOMT met and discussed the following:

The Smelt Working Group recommended no change in projected operations based on a review of delta smelt distribution and salvage data, current Delta conditions and projected operations. The Working Group also agreed that given their present distribution, existing constraining conditions was sufficient to protect longfin smelt. The Working Group will continue to monitor smelt salvage, larval smelt survey data, and delta hydrological conditions and will reconvene May 29, 2012, at 10 am.

Currently as of May 22, 2012, the FWS and DFG deem that no additional actions are needed for protection of delta and longfin smelt.

Due to uncertainty of any wild steelhead exposure to the influence of -5,000 cfs OMR, DOSS updates WOMT and NMFS on the following three options for operations during May 29-31: 1) -1,250 cfs OMR (most protective, if Mokelumne River steelhead still outmigrating); 2) -5,000 cfs OMR (per 5/11/12 NMFS determination); 3) -3,500 cfs OMR or ramp up to -5,000 cfs (compromise option). RPA Action IV.2.3 continues to be in effect through June 15.

NMFS determines that per May 11, 2012, NMFS determination, the OMR target of -5,000 cfs stands.